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Federation of Woman's Civic Leagues.

The Federation Woman's Civic Leagues of Wise County met in the Methodist Church at Coeburn, October 10th. The ladies were greeted by Mrs. W. A. Banner in the uniform of the Food Administration of the United States, and after registering and signing the "Hoover Pledge," were presented with the official button for "Hoover Helpers" and also a beautiful badge of Woman's Federated League presented by the Coeburn League. The League was called to order by the president, Mrs. G. E. Heuser, then followed the invocation by Rev. A. E. Brooks.

Mrs. G. N. Thompkins, of Toms Creek, in a very graceful address of welcome, greeted the leagues of the different towns most cordially. She recalled the coming together of these women at Big Stone Gap one year ago that the federation then sprang into existence, and today we were celebrating the birthday of this lusty, young babe born for a high and noble purpose.

Mrs. Heuser then gave an outline of the work accomplished by the federation the last six months; the completion of the subscription of \$1200 required for the nurse's salary; the securing of a young and efficient nurse and placing her in the field September 1st; securing a caning demonstrator for a week's work in the county; holding most successful demonstrations in each town of the county; offering \$25.00 in prizes for canned goods at the Wise County Fair; a visit to the St. Paul Civic League in May by several of the officers; an executive committee meeting at Norton in September at which the nurse's salary was discussed, and it is found that on account of heavy expenses in transportation, and the tremendous field to be covered, that the amount raised, \$1200, will not be sufficient and that more must be raised. The need for a Ford runabout for this work is a crying one. Isn't there a rich, public-spirited patron of this worthy work who can present the county nurse with a machine?

Mrs. Heuser again set forth the purposes of the Federated Clubs of Wise County: "To study and by honest effort to improve all conditions regarding public health or health promotion. Better schools, for the enactment of school attendance laws that the reproach of illiteracy may be removed from this, our mountain section. Modern principles of prison reform. For civic righteousness as well as cleanliness. For social service and uplift work. For food conservation and household economy. For closer co-operation between the church and all social agencies for securing these results."

The following ladies were added to executive committee: Mrs. H. A. Alexander, of Imboden; Mrs. D. A. Dunkley, of Toms Creek; and Mrs. H. C. Thompkins, of Cranes Nest.

The treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Kemp, reported \$685.00 in bank disbursements, \$126.00.

Letters of regret at being un-

able to attend the federation from Mrs. Kyle, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Hagan, president State Federation, were read. Both were most encouraging to the work of Wise County, the second on the State Federation and its splendid progressiveness in public health work. "The eyes of the State are on Wise," said one letter, thereby putting a heavy responsibility on us women, here assembled, to make a success of this work.

Dr. Keister, the all-time health officer for Wise County, then gave a report of the work done from February till June, after which time his appointment on the examining board prevented his pursuing county health work further.

Coeburn, Norton, Wise, Glamorgan and Big Stone Gap schools were inspected, 1800 children in all being examined. After a delicious hot luncheon served at beautifully appointed tables at the Hartsock Cafe, the afternoon session was called to order.

J. J. Kelly, county school superintendent, in a most interesting address gave many helpful suggestions as to the co-operation of the federation in making the schools better. Prof. Livesay, of Coeburn, gave a talk on the non-attendance of many children of school age and the inadequacy of the law on the subject.

Committee on resolutions then presented the following: Resolved: "That inasmuch as our present compulsory school law is inadequate, we, the women of the Woman's Federated Civic Leagues of Wise County, do hereby petition the State Legislature to enact a more effective law for the enforcement of attendance in public schools." This resolution was adopted.

Miss Randolph, president of Anti-Tuberculosis League of Virginia, who came from Richmond to address the federation, missed connection at Bluefield, and driving through the country in automobile, reached Coeburn about 3 o'clock. Mrs. R. T. Irvine gracefully introduced Miss Randolph, who gave a most interesting and instructive address, and bespoke the co-operation of the federation in carrying on the campaign against humanity's greatest foe, "the white plague," by assisting in publicity, in precautions, in free chest examination, and also in the sale of Red Cross Seals, which is the most helpful agent in carrying forward the Anti-Tuberculosis League in Virginia.

The Woman's Civic League, of Wise, extended an invitation to the federation for the spring meeting. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Coeburn League for their charming hospitality and delightful entertainment.

Some of those present were: Mrs. A. L. Williams, Coeburn; Mrs. C. D. Ramsey, Coeburn; Mrs. S. L. Eversole, Coeburn; Mrs. C. M. Sizer, Coeburn; Miss Jane Morgan, Norton; Mrs. S. C. McCarty, Coeburn; Mrs. N. R. Baldwin, Norton; Miss A. C. Mosby, Coeburn; Mrs. F. B. Kline, Norton; Mrs. C. J. Counts, Coeburn; Mrs. C. J. Swank, Norton; Mrs. E. E. Goodloe, Big Stone Gap; Mrs. R. Schwank, Norton; Mrs. R. V. Wohlford, Coeburn; B. L. Adair, Coeburn; Mrs. S. J. Horne, Coeburn; Mrs. Richmond,



OUR heritage of trust and weal
Has now become the world's great hope
For freedom from Oppression's heel,
For Aspiration's wider scope.

TO this world-call, have we reply
Other than that our fathers gave?
To guard this trust, what if we die
If dying is the way to save!

HUMANITY hath instant need
Of loyalty that seeks to serve;
And even though death were its meed,
From its ideal it would not swerve.

LIFE would have nothing worth to give.
Had men not for their duty died;
True patriots would scorn to live
If they the sacrifice denied.

O YE who seek the soul's free air,
Who seek the larger hope, arise!
For truth and justice Do and Dare!
Who cares to live when Freedom dies?



Wise; Mrs. G. E. Heuser, Coeburn; Wm. S. Keister, Norton; Mrs. N. F. Hix, Wise; Mrs. James N. Greear, St. Paul; Miss Mayme McGowan, Norton; Mrs. W. A. Banner, Coeburn; Mrs. E. M. Addington, Coeburn; Mrs. D. A. Dunkley, Coeburn; Mrs. E. C. Greear, Coeburn; Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, Coeburn; Miss Rosa M. Tindler, Norton; Mrs. R. I. Hawthorne, Norton; Mrs. W. S. Keister, Norton; Mrs. J. L. King, Norton; Mrs. N. E. Dickenson, Coeburn; Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Coeburn; Mrs. Esther Bond, Coeburn; Mrs. W. C. Tompkins, Toms Creek; Miss Anna Berry Reynolds, Norton; Mrs. T. M. Pepper, Norton; Mrs. H. E. Hyatt, Norton; Mrs. W. W. Kemp, Norton; Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Inman; Mrs. T. E. Hatcher, Norton; Mrs. J. L. Sandoe, Wise; Mrs. W. J. McLemore, Wise; C. E. Downes, Coeburn; Mrs. C. E. Downes, Coeburn; Mrs. A. B. Brooks, Coeburn; A. B. Brooks, Coeburn; Mrs. H. A. Lacy, Wise; Mrs. Nannie Dorton, Wise; Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Wise; Mrs. W. D. McNeil, Wise; Mrs. J. M. Hill, Wise; Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Big Stone Gap; Miss Virginia Williams, Appalachia; Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, Big Stone Gap; Mrs. Marion Cox, Big Stone Gap; Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Big Stone Gap; Mrs. R. C. Carico, Coeburn; Mrs. D. E. Wolfe, Coeburn; Mrs. W. L. Painter, Coeburn.

Telephone Tax.

As for the tax on telephone messages, Mr. E. R. Milton, of the The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, when seen, told how the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company had prepared to collect the tax as directed by the government.

"The preparation for the collection of the five cents tax on all messages of 15 cents or over has been a big job for the telephone company," said Mr. E. R. Milton. "In the case of public telephones with coin box attachments the tax of 5 cents is to be inserted as directed by the operators have been instructed to arrange for this.

"Special preparations for billing regular subscribers correctly for the tax imposed on their messages of 15 cents and over also had to be made. New col-

lection routines had to be prepared and new system of accounting worked out. The telephone company has advised all telephone users of the new law and the methods put into effect for collecting the tax. Notices giving full directions have been placed on all public telephones and all subscribers have been advised by means of a circular enclosed with their monthly bills. This circular explains the method making the charge for the tax and gives a digest of the law relating to it.

"The law not only applies to all messages on which the total rate is 15 cents or more per message, but also to all messages on which the total charge, including overtime, amounts to 15 cents or more. Thus, while a single call at the rate of 5 cents bears no tax, should the conversation be prolonged over a period which would make the aggregate charge 15 cents or more, the tax of 5 cents is imposed.

"All telephone bills rendered during the life of this law include a toll service statement that will show those messages on which the tax is to be levied, together with the amount of such tax.

"The law directs that this tax shall be collected from the person paying for such message or conversation and places the responsibility for collection upon the telephone company."

\$25.00 Reward

A long, slender bay, slightly roan horse, six years old, named Race Horse, disappeared from my stable about three weeks ago. I will give \$25.00 for the return of this horse to me, or \$10.00 for information that will lead to his recovery.

M. E. LIPPS,
Wise, Virginia.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere gratitude to our many friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. May the Lord bless them.

Mrs. John W. Morris,
Thomas G. Morris,
Joseph G. Morris,
James Addison Morris,
Mrs. P. J. Starnes.

An exchange speaks of "most of the beef at the average man's table." That's a mistake. It ain't there.

John W. Morris Dead.

John W. Morris, who had a severe stroke of paralysis about a month ago, died last Friday night at his home in Big Stone Gap. Mr. Morris was born in June, 1845, in Harlan County, Ky., being past 72 years of age. His father moved to Powells Mountain before the Civil War, and Mr. Morris lived there and raised his family until a few years ago, when he moved to the Gap. Mr. Morris leaves 4 brothers and one sister, namely: James H. Morris, of Arkansas; Elias Morris, of Kentucky; Pearl Morris, of Imboden; Anthony Morris, of Kentucky; and Mrs. Elizabeth Barker, of Texas. Mr. Morris is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lydia Starnes Morris, and 4 living children, viz: Thomas G., James Addison and Joseph G. Morris, of Big Stone Gap, and Mrs. P. J. (Martha J.) Starnes, of Verdi, Scott County. Two of his children preceded him to the grave, namely: John M. Morris and Mrs. F. P. (Alpha E.) Starnes, of Verdi, Scott County.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the Morris farm burying ground on Powells Mountain, about 7 miles from the Gap, near the Scott County line, witnessed by a large circle of relatives and friends. Rev. William Robinette, of Powells Valley, conducted the funeral and burial services, after which the remains were laid to rest among his relatives in sight of his old home, where his son now lives. The pall bearers were: J. S. Hamblen, A. L. Witt, C. T. Garrison, Dock Showalter, J. G. Mullins and William Statham. Mr. Morris was a devoted husband, a good father and a devout Christian, being a member of the Baptist Church for a good many years. Mr. Morris was an uncle of Mrs. P. G. Wallace, of the Gap. A large circle of friends extend to the relatives of the deceased in their great loss their heartfelt sympathy.

Camp Fire Girls Organize Again.

The Camp Fire Girls of the Gap held a meeting in the school building last week, where they reorganized their chapter of a few years ago.

Miss Duval was elected guardian and Miss Janet Bailey, assistant guardian; Miss Elsie Taylor, secretary, and Miss Margaret Barron, treasurer. Twenty-two members were present.

A play will be given near Thanksgiving for the benefit of the club, which is very promising, together with the work the girls have planned.

Miss Margaret Wilson, a daughter of the president, gave a concert in Richmond Saturday night for the benefit of the national organization of Camp Fire Girls, who gave half of the proceeds to the Red Cross.

"S. O. S." Call From Armenia and Syria.

The attention of everyone is called to the desperate conditions still prevailing in Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine among the suffering Christians who have been driven from their homes since the breaking out of the war. So urgent is the need occasioned by these conditions, that President Wilson has set Sunday, November 11th, as "Armenian Day," and has suggested that offerings for the sufferers be made in all the Churches on that day.

Over one and one-half million refugees are now in the stricken districts, and the number is slowly increasing by the arrival of newcomers. A large proportion of these are helpless women and children. In order to meet the present needs to feed, clothe and shelter these people to keep them alive, a minimum of \$500,000 per month is needed.

The Big Stone Gap Committee earnestly solicits gifts to this cause. Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen is the local treasurer. She will gladly receive and promptly forward any and all offerings. If you have not done so already, please renew your monthly subscription at once. Drop some of your loose change in the coin

jars while shopping. You will find them in every place of business in town. As winter draws near let it remind us of these sufferers—our fellow-Christians across the seas—and let it also move us to self-denial and sacrifice that we may have a part in this work of preserving many souls alive.

On behalf of the local committee,
JAMES M. SMITH.

Changes in Schedule of Passenger Trains on Appalachia Division, Southern Ry.

Effective Sunday, November 4th, passenger schedules on Appalachia Division of Southern Railway changed as follows: Eastern time.

Train No. 1 will leave Mountain City at 6:30 a. m. instead of 7:00 a. m., and will arrive Bristol 9:20 a. m.; leave Bristol 10:00 a. m. as at present; arrive Albert Yards 11:30 a. m., connecting with No. 3 from Bulls Gap, for Appalachia and intermediate points.

Train No. 6 will leave Albert Yards 3:05 p. m., taking connection from No. 4, and arrive Bristol 4:40 p. m., and leave Bristol 5:10 p. m. as at present, arriving Mountain City 8:10 p. m.

Train No. 4 will leave Albert Yards at 3:15 p. m., and arrive, Bulls Gap 5:15 p. m.

Train No. 2 will leave St. Charles 7:45 a. m. as at present, and will arrive at Bristol at 12:10 noon, instead of 12:05 noon as at present.

Train No. 5 will leave Bristol 4:40 p. m., as at present, but will arrive at St. Charles at 9:45 instead of present time of 9:25 p. m.

Train No. 10 will leave Rogersville at 7:55 a. m. instead of 7:30 a. m., and arrive at Bulls Gap at 8:30 a. m. as heretofore. The changes outlined above will of course affect the time of these trains at intermediate points.

Time of trains not mentioned herein is not affected.
W. E. ALLEN,
General Passenger Agent.

TRY IT! SUBSTITUTE FOR NASTY CALOMEL

Starts Your Liver Without Making You Sick and Can Not Salivate.

Every druggist in town—your druggist and everybody's druggist has noticed a great falling-off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.

"Calomel is dangerous and people know it, while Dodson's Liver Tone is perfectly safe and gives better results," said a prominent local druggist. Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by every druggist who sells it. A large bottle costs 50 cents, and if it fails to give easy relief in every case of liver sluggishness and constipation, you have only to ask for your money back.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine; no biliousness, sick headache, acid stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't gripe or cause inconvenience all the next day like violent calomel. Take a dose of calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak, sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take Dodson's Liver Tone instead and feel fine, full of vigor and ambition.—adv.

The Germans profess to regard the American army as a "negligible force." If they will continue to act on that theory after Pershing and his Sammys get into action they will greatly hasten the end.

NOTICE

We will have a piano tuner from the Baldwin Company here about the first of November. Write us at once if you want your piano or player piano put in good condition.

C. C. Blankenship,
Appalachia, Va.